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SUBJECT: GROMYKO PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS, DERIVING FROM FRENCH
PRESS ACCOUNTS, OF GROMYKO APRIL 25 PRESS CONFERENCE
IN PARIS.

2. AFGHANISTAN. THE AFGHANISTAN AFFAIR HAS BEEN
"ARTIFICALLY PUFFED-UP.... THERE ARE DOZENS OF CAMPS
WHERE CONTINGENTS LATER SENT INTO AFGHANISTAN ARE
FORMED, ARMED, AND TRAINED." THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT
"SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
CHANGE THE TYPE OF REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN AND DEPRIVE
THE AFGHAN PEOPLE OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE ANY TALK BUT
- SOVIET TROOPS FIRST MUST BE WITHDRAWN FOLLOWED
BY A DISCUSSION OF THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM WOULD
BE "A MIRAGE, TIME WASTED, AND ENERGY LOST."
DESPITE THE NUANCES IN THE FRENCH VIEW OF THE SITUA-
TION, CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF PRESIDENT GISCARD'S
DECLARATION ARE POSITIVE, NOTABLY THOSE CONCERNING

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NONINTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN,

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THE RIGHT OF ITS PEOPLE TO FREELY DECIDE THEIR FATE,
AND THE WISH TO SEE THE COUNTRY REMAIN NON-ALIGNED.

3. IRAN. "WE ARE RESOLUTELY AGAINST ANY MILITARY MEASURE, AGAINST ANY ACTION OF FORCE ON THE PART OF THE US OR OF ANYONE WHO IS AGAINST IRAN. WE CONDEMN THE OPERATION UNDERTAKEN BY THE US TO LIBERATE THE HOSTAGES."

4. TNF. THE US AND ITS ALLIES ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT AGGREGATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IN PART BECAUSE THEY HAVE DECIDED TO ACCELERATE THE ARMS RACE AND TO INCREASE THEIR MILITARY BUDGET, AND IN PART BECAUSE THEY HAVE ADOPTED A PLAN TO INSTALL NEW MISSILES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

5. OLYMPICS. "THOSE WHO INTEND TO PREVENT THEIR ATHLETES FROM GOING TO MOSCOW ARE COMMITTING AN ERROR AND STRIKING A BLOW AT THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT."

6. CHINA. THE USSR HAS OBSERVED NO SOFTENING IN CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

7. CSCE MADRID MEETING. FRANCE AND THE USSR ARE IN AGREEMENT ON THE WISH THAT THIS MEETING, WHICH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, BE FOLLOWED BY A CONFERENCE ON CBMS AND ON DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE.

8. SCHMIDT VISIT TO THE USSR. "WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE VIEW OF THE CHANCELLOR ON HIS VISIT TO THE USSR NOR ON THE DATE OF THE VISIT. WE ARE GOING
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TO WAIT."

9. BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRANCE AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. PRESIDENT GISCARD HAS RENEWED HIS INVITATION TO MR. BREZHNEV TO VISIT FRANCE. GROMYKO REPLIED ON BEHALF OF BREZHNEV THAT HE WOULD VISIT FRANCE WITH PLEASURE ON A DATE TO BE FIXED BY DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS. BILATERAL RELATIONS HAVE HAD A FRUITFUL DEVELOPMENT AND SHOULD CONTINUE IN THIS DIRECTION. IMPORTANT CONTRACTS ARE UNDER

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